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Goldwater Raps LBJ On Asia

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Sen. Barry Goldwater cited "CIA

reports" Friday night to substantiate his charge that, under President Johnson, American prestige throughout the world has "dipped below the peril point."

After a grueling day of campaigning in three New England states and in New York — during which he repeatedly strove to unite Republicans behind his bid for the presidency — the senator streaked west to launch an attack on "Lyndon Johnson's war in Asia."

He mentioned the "CIA reports" in a speech prepared for delivery here to the National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs.

Paul Wagner, his press secretary, was asked by a reporter how Goldwater happened to receive "reports" from the secret intelligence agency. Goldwater had spurned a White House offer of security briefings — which include CIA-gathered data — on the grounds that they would tie his hands politically.

It was learned, however, that Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force chief of staff, has been supplying Goldwater with material for "position papers" on various strategic military topics.

Wagner replied that the "CIA report" to which Goldwater referred was made public last month. He said this was the so-called "Mathias report" released by the government in late August after its contents — focused largely on a critique of U.S. policies in Viet Nam — were revealed by a newspaper.

The government disavowed the positions taken in the report.

"The reports of the Central Intelligence Agency tell us our prestige has dipped below the peril point," Goldwater said, adding:

"The leaders of Europe are losing confidence in us by the hour. Mobs assault our consulates and defile our flag in Panama, in Ghana, in Zanzibar. No country is so small that it dare not pull Uncle Sam's whiskers and get away with it." Goldwater concentrated Friday on the issue of "peace" in Viet Nam and elsewhere — coupling this theme with an attack on the President's political morals.

At Albany, N.Y., where he was introduced on the steps of the state office building by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, he accused Johnson of trying to smother the Bobby Baker case with the power of what he called "the Whitewash House."

Rockefeller, a hot foe of Goldwater at the Republican National Convention last July, introduced the GOP presidential nominee in spirited fashion, with high praise for Goldwater's courage, convictions and efforts in behalf of the party.

U.S. Sen. Kenneth Keating, New York Republican up for reelection, did not attend the rally, held at the main state office building here, in the

shadow of the Capitol. Keating has not endorsed Goldwater and is running a campaign independent of the Goldwater campaign for president.

But Goldwater praised both Rockefeller and Keating.

The Arizona senator rapped Keating's Democratic opponent, former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, as "Lyndon's reject," a reference to President Johnson's rejection of Kennedy as a possible vice presidential running mate.

Earlier, in Portland, Maine, Goldwater had charged that neither Johnson nor Robert Kennedy had shown any inclination to support the Civil Rights Law.

Inside the Alfred E. Smith state office building in Albany, Goldwater talked to local Republican leaders with Rockefeller at his side.

"I know there's a little division in this state," he said, "but we can't let that stand in the way of electing Ken Keating."

The GOP must stick together and woo disenchanted Democrats if it is to win, he said.